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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9994**  
Tomohiro OKUMURA et al. : Docket No. 2003\_0932A  
Serial No. 10/615,851 : Group Art Unit 1763  
Filed July 10, 2003 : Examiner M.L. Alejandro  
APPARATUS FOR PLASMA DOPING **Mail Stop: Amendment**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, having a three month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire December 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: